

News from the Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission

If you've recently visited the Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission (IHPC) office, you've probably noticed several new faces; in fact, half of our staff members have changed during 2006! We wish Emily Mack, Josh Smith, and Victoria Redstone much success in their new endeavors, and are also pleased to welcome their replacements: Shannon Hill, Ashley Rosenthal Payne, and Michelle Gammon Purvis.

Preservation Planner

Shannon Hill began serving as the Preservation Planner in June. Shannon replaced Emily Mack, who left the IHPC in February to accept another position within the city as a Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison for Center and Perry Townships. Shannon received her Master of Science in Historic Preservation from Ball State University. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in communication from the University of Tulsa. As a graduate student, Shannon interned with the IHPC in 2001 and wrote her thesis on the Indianapolis Home Show and its Centerpiece Homes. Prior to joining the IHPC staff, she was the Survey Coordinator at Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana for four years. Please feel free to contact Shannon with questions about district designation or preservation planning at (317) 327-4439 or slhill@indygov.org.

Preservation Assistant

Ashley Rosenthal Payne began serving as the Preservation Assistant in June. Ashley replaced Josh Smith, who left the IHPC in March to work for Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, Inc. Ashley holds a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master of Science in Historic Preservation from Ball State University. A native of Texas, Ashley moved to Indiana in 2004. Before accepting her position with the IHPC, Ashley interned for a year with Near North Development Corporation in Indianapolis. Please feel free to contact Ashley with general preservation or IHPC questions at (317) 327-4432 or apayne@indygov.org.

Architectural Reviewer

Michelle Gammon Purvis began serving as an Architectural Reviewer in September. Michelle replaced Victoria Redstone, who left the IHPC in July to pursue a law degree. Michelle received her Master of Arts in Public History with an emphasis in Historic Preservation from the University of South Carolina. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Hanover College. Before joining the IHPC, Michelle served as Associate Director of Culture Programs for the Rivers Institute at Hanover College and had worked as an Architectural Field Surveyor for Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana. While living in Madison, Ind., Michelle served as Board President of the Madison Main Street Program. Please feel free to contact Michelle with project-specific questions at (317) 327-4405 or mpurvis@indygov.org.

Also this year, two new preservation plans were adopted for the Chatham-Arch and Massachusetts Avenue Historic District and for the Irvington Historic District. These

plans are the end result of much hard work on the part of community members, area property owners, and Department of Metropolitan Development staff.

Chatham-Arch and Massachusetts Avenue Historic Area Plan

The IHPC and the Metropolitan Development Commission (MDC) adopted the Chatham-Arch and Massachusetts Avenue (CAMA) Historic Area Plan in June. The new plan includes revised guidelines for the Chatham-Arch Historic District, which became locally designated in 1982. Additionally, the new plan expands the district's boundaries to include all of Massachusetts Avenue between Delaware Street and I-65/I-70, and offers guidelines and recommendations for the commercial corridor. To view the plan and see a map of CAMA's boundaries, please visit our website at www.indygov.org/ihpc.

Irvington Historic Area Plan

The IHPC and the MDC adopted the Irvington (IRV) Historic Area Plan in October. The new plan replaces the Interim Historic Area Plan, which was adopted in 2004 and offered limited protection to Irvington while the permanent plan was being developed. The new, permanent plan includes guidelines and recommendations for all exterior alterations. To view the plan, please visit our website at www.indygov.org/ihpc.